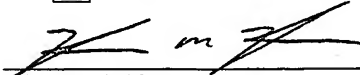
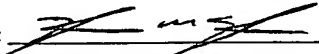
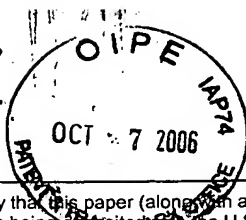




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In response to the Official Action mailed May 22, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.